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SUBJECT:FUTURE OF EMBASSY TRIPOLI

IN CONNECTION WITH CONSIDERATION HERE OF FUTURE OF EMBASSY
TRIPOLI AND SUPPLEMENTING PREVIOUS TELEGRAMS, WOULD APPRE-
CIATE YOUR CONSIDERED OPINION ON FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

DO LIBYAN ACTIONS TO DATE TOWARD OUR MISSION, INCLUDING
INFLEXIBILITY ON QUESTION OF PASSPORTS FOR DIPLOMATS,
SUGGEST DETERMINATION TO FORCE US OUT?

IF NOT, CAN WE CONSIDER THAT AGREEING TO PUT ARABIC IN
PASSPORTS, SUBJECT ALWAYS TO UNPREDICTABILITY OF LARG, WOULD
ASSURE US OF CONTINUED ABILITY OPERATE EMBASSY?

IF WE AGREE TO ARABIC IN PASSPORTS IN ORDER KEEP OPEN
EMBASSY WE WOULD NATURALLY NOT WISH RISK FURTHER HARRASS-
MENT LEADING TO CLOSURE AFTER GIVING QADHAFI THIS PLUM.
WE RECOGNIZE DIFFICULTY OF ACCURATE ASSESSMENT BUT WOULD
LIKE YOUR BEST JUDGMENT AND PERHAPS THAT OF ANY RELIABLE
FRIENDLY DIPLOMATS WITH WHOM YOUFEEL YOU -CAN DISCREETLY
DISCUS THE GENERAL PROBLEM OF LIBYAN INTENTIONS TOWARD
THE CONTINUED PRSENCE OF US AND OTHER FOREIGN MISSIONS.
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